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The specification has been amended to identify the application serial number for copending application entitled "A System and a Method Relating to Access Control", cited on page 14. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

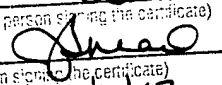
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to the Specification**

Page 14, paragraph beginning at line 23,

Fig. 3 describes a specific implementation including a validation procedure as described in the patent application "A SYSTEM AND A METHOD RELATING TO ACCESS CONTROL", Application No. 09/976,500 filed in the US on October 12, 2001 and the content of which herewith is incorporated herein by reference. With reference to Fig. 3 it is supposed that an information requesting application 10₁ wants to pull (get) information from an information providing application 10₁, without knowing where to find the information itself. In this implementation it is supposed that communication with the central server means is provided by the access means 11₁ interfacing the requesting application 10₁. The advantage of such an implementation is that a fast response is obtained from the privacy network, i.e. from the central server means 30₁, as to whether the requested transaction is possible, without even having to involve the access means 21₁ of the information providing application 20₁ (or the information providing application itself). The load resulting from rejected transactions on the a access means 21₁, on the information providing side will be considerably reduced as compared to a case when the providing side is involved at an early stage.